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## Security May Have 'Endangered'

# Ex-CIA Head Testifies at Spy Trial

BALTIMORE (AP) — George Bush, former director of the CIA, testified yesterday that phone directories found in the home of a former CIA employe might have endangered national security if they had fallen into the hands of a foreign power.

Bush was testifying in the federal court trial here of retired CIA employe Edwin G. Moore II, who is charged with trying to sell secret documents to the Soviet Union.

Bush, appearing as a prosecution witness, said that if the Russians had obtained portions of CIA telephone directories found in Moore's Bethesda, Md., home, "there is no question in my mind about that, that it would have endangered national security, most particularly if it fell into the hands of a foreign intelligence source."

Bush, who was director at the time of Moore's arrest last December, said he was busy at the time with the transition from the Ford to the Car-

ter administrations and delegated most of the responsibilities in the affair to his deputy, E. Henry Knoche.

Moore, 56, was arrested after allegedly leaving photocopies of pages from a January 1973 CIA telephone directory on the grounds of a Soviet diplomatic residence in Washington.

FBI agents have testified that a search of Moore's house after his arrest turned up various secret documents.

Moore was later indicted on two counts of espionage and three counts of stealing classified CIA documents.

Moore has pleaded innocent to the charges.

In another development, presiding U.S. District Judge Frank A. Kaufman tentatively denied a defense motion to acquit Moore.

Defense attorney Courtland K. Townsend Jr. asked for the acquittal on grounds that sufficient evidence had been produced to show that Moore was insane and that based on previous cases, Kaufman could direct an acquittal.

Kaufman said he was turning down the motion, but reserving the right to change his mind.